

SENATE BILL 3046
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56
and Title 63, relative to regulatory boards.

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Tennessee, surpassing strokes and all forms of cancer combined, and according to the most recently available data, accounts for 25% or more of the deaths in this state each year; and

WHEREAS, the two cardiovascular diseases of heart disease and stroke account for a combined 40% of all deaths in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, the economic and intangible costs of cardiovascular diseases to our society are enormous, and effective treatments, including alternative medical treatments, for these diseases should be identified by the state; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

The division of regulatory boards shall conduct a study of all other states or countries that allow regulated health professionals to use ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid chelation therapy, or any other complementary or alternative medical therapy, for the treatment of arteriosclerosis and shall determine the frequency with which such treatment or treatments is used in those geographic areas, the incidence rate of arteriosclerosis in those geographic areas as compared to Tennessee, and the incidence rate of the use of heart bypass surgery, other surgical procedures, or prescription cholesterol-lowering drugs such as statins, to treat arteriosclerosis in those geographic areas as compared to Tennessee. A written report summarizing the results

of the study shall be provided to the general assembly and the governor by no later than January 1, 2008.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.